

COLOMBIA

SECTOR: Other

PROJECT NAME: Emergency Reconstruction Facility Following the Earthquake in the Coffee Belt
(1171/OC-CO)

TOTAL COST: \$33.5 million

FINANCING:
IDB \$20.0 million
LOCAL \$13.5 million

DATE OF APPROVAL: February 18, 1999

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: This emergency loan seeks to reinstate basic services to the population stricken by the disastrous earthquake in the coffee belt, by funding: (a) debris removal; (b) building demolition; (c) inspection and stabilization of buildings and bridges; (d) temporary housing; and (e) studies to quantify the damage and draw up plans of action for reconstruction and rehabilitation. A second phase of Bank intervention, to be financed separately, will fund reconstruction of the physical, social and production infrastructure, including such services as drinking water, sanitation, health and education. All contracts entered into by the Coffee Belt Reconstruction Fund (FOREC) for this project shall be subject to the Bank's procurement procedures for emergency projects.

CONSULTANTS: FOREC, the project executing unit, will assemble almost all of its work force under consultancy contracts. Specialized services will be engaged for monitoring and environmental follow-up, and to develop the applicable criteria, requirements and mechanisms for environmental evaluation. As an exception to the procedure for the selection of consultants by public contest, the Interdisciplinary Center for Regional Studies (CIDER), Los Andes University, Quindío University, and Pereira Technological University will be contracted directly to perform external monitoring and supervision of the project. An independent international auditing firm will be contracted to perform accounting and financial audits of the project on a quarterly basis.

GOODS AND EQUIPMENT: Through FOREC, the project will fund procurement of goods and equipment.

CIVIL WORKS: Through FOREC, the project funds contracting for restoration and rehabilitation activities, including: (a) rubble removal and demolition of unstable buildings and other structures; (b) cleaning and repair of damage to the environment, as well as upgrading and construction of rubble and refuse dumps; and (c) the construction of temporary housing and structures, community kitchens.

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